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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA



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## TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

*Cover Photo: Snow Surveyors near Ship Creek,  
Alaska snow course.*

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The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, Western Regional Technical Service Center, Room 209, 511 N. W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97209.

Copies of state and local reports may also be obtained from state offices of the Soil Conservation Service in the following states:

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Water Supply Outlook reports prepared by other agencies include a report for California by the Water Supply Forecast and Snow Surveys Unit, California Department of Water Resources, P. O. Box 388, Sacramento, California 95802 --- and for British Columbia by the Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, Water Resources Service, Parliament Building, Victoria, British Columbia



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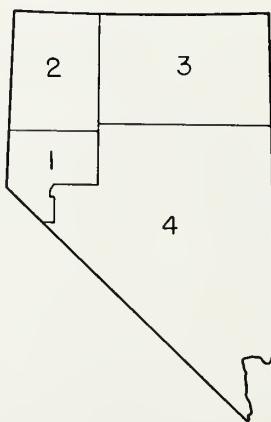
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ALL AVERAGES ARE FOR 1958-72 PERIOD



AREA LOCATIONS

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

FEBRUARY 1, 1974, SNOW SURVEYS INDICATE ALL MAJOR WATERSHEDS IMPORTANT TO NEVADA'S WATER SUPPLY HAVE NEAR TO OR ABOVE AVERAGE SNOWPACK CONDITIONS. THIS SEASON'S SNOWPACK VARIES FROM 102 PERCENT ON THE TAHOE-TRUCKEE WATERSHED TO 153 PERCENT ON THE UPPER HUMBOLDT DRAINAGE.

THIS YEAR THERE IS MORE WATER HELD IN STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS THAN IN ANY OF THE PAST 15 YEARS EXCEPT 1970 ON THE FEBRUARY 1 DATE. CURRENT RESERVOIR STORAGE IS 146 PERCENT OF THE 1958-72 AVERAGE.

AS OF THIS DATE ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO A GOOD IRRIGATION SUPPLY FOR NEVADA'S WATER USERS THIS COMING SEASON.

## East Slope Sierra Nevada

The Tahoe-Truckee drainage basin currently has a 102 percent of average snowpack. The Carson River watershed has 111 percent of typical snowpack conditions for this date. The Walker River drainage has 138 percent of normal snow cover for February 1.

This season's snowpack is generally below average at the lower elevations, 7,000 feet and below, but it is above normal at the higher zones. The warm rain experienced during mid-January melted much of the existing pack at lower elevations. At higher elevations the rain structurally matured much of the snowpack. This situation could start snowmelt earlier this year.

Many storms have been dominated by high velocity winds this winter season. These winds have increased the sub-alpine and alpine evapo-sublimation losses much above the average rate this year.

Reservoir storage in the Truckee drainage is excellent, at 147 percent of average. Lake Tahoe currently stores 618,000 acre-feet of water. Lahontan Reservoir on the Carson River contains 135 percent of average storage. The Walker River system storage is similar, at 138 percent of normal.

Water users in the Truckee, Carson and Walker River watersheds are predicted to have a very good irrigation season.

### Humboldt and Owyhee Drainages

Snowpack conditions vary from 153 percent of average in the Ruby Mountain range to 103 percent in the Santa Rosa Mountains along the Lower Humboldt. The Owyhee and Snake River drainages in Nevada have a 115 percent of average snow cover on this date.

Reservoir storage is excellent, with the new Wild Horse containing 52,000 acre-feet, or 72 percent of capacity, and Rye Patch on the Humboldt impounding 131 percent of average storage.

Water users along the Humboldt can expect an excellent water supply, with the mainstem of the Humboldt predicted to flow 244,000 acre-feet, or 126 percent of average, at the Palisades Gaging Station.

### Eastern and Central Nevada

This year's snowpack varies from 124 percent of average in the Schell Creek and Snake Mountain ranges near Ely to 187 percent in the Delamar Mountains of southern Nevada. Water supplies are predicted to be average in the area this coming summer.

### Northern Great Basin

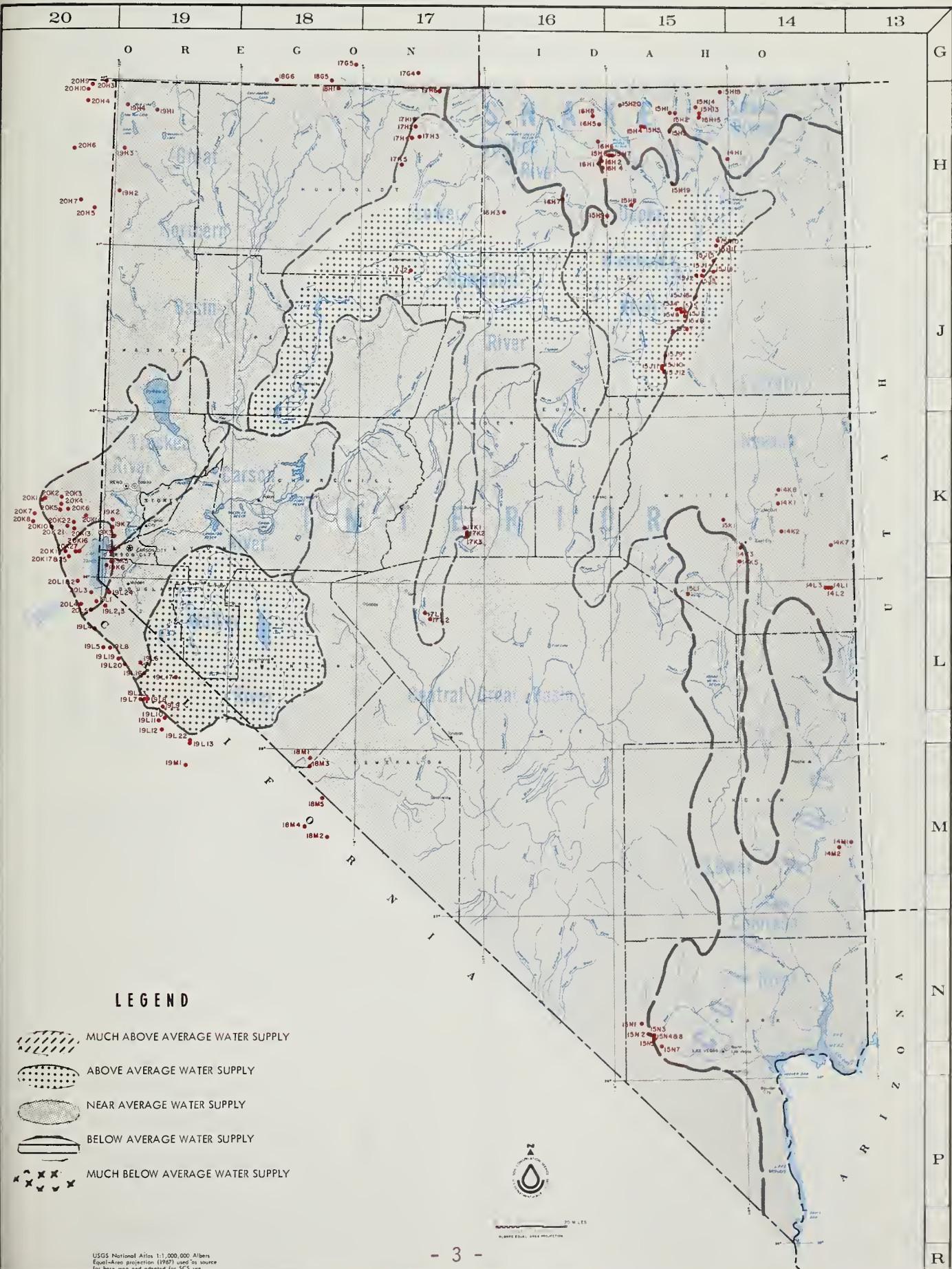
Northeastern Nevada and the Surprise Valley area of California have a 93 percent of normal mountain snowpack. If the remainder of the winter season produces average snowfall, water users in the area will have a normal supply for this summer's irrigation season.

In line with recommendations of Western Inter-Agency Committees dealing with the water resource, we have changed our base period for average computations from the 1953-67 period to the 1958-72 15-year base period. Averages contained in this and succeeding reports are for the 1958-72 period.

A report containing all snow course and soil moisture averages for the new base period will be released during mid-February. If you need this data, please request the Averages Report from Snow Survey Unit, Soil Conservation Service, USDA, P.O. Box 4850, Reno, NV 89505.



# PROSPECTIVE WATER SUPPLY FOR NEVADA



USGS National Atlas 1:1,000,000 Albers  
Equal-Area projection (1967) used as source  
for base map and adapted for SCS use.

# INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES

## (By Basins)

Refer to the map on the preceding page for Snow Course locations.

NUMBER	NAME	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	ELEV.		NUMBER	NAME	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	ELEV.
<b>SNAKE RIVER BASIN</b>												
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15H1MA	Bear Creek	31	46N	58E	7800		20L5	Echo Summit (Cal.)	6	11N	18E	7450
15H2	Fox Creek	33	46N	58E	6800		19L2	Freel Bench (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	7300
15H13A	Goat Creek	31	46N	60E	8800		19K6	Glenbrook #2	13	14N	18E	6900
15H15A	Hummingbird Springs	6	45N	60E	8945		19L3MSZ	Hagans Meadow (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	8000
14H1	Jakes Creek	6	42N	62E	7000		20L4	Lake Lucille (Cal.)	28	12N	17E	8200
15H20a	Merritt Mountain	10	46N	54E	7000		19K4MSZ	Marlette Lake	18	15N	19E	8000
15H14A	Pole Creek Ranger Station	13	46N	59E	8330		20L3	Richardsons #2 (Cal.)	6	12N	18E	6500
15H18a	Red Point	15	47N	61E	7940		20L1	Rubicon #1 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	8100
15H3A	76 Creek	6	44N	58E	7100		20L2	Rubicon #2 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	7500
15H19a	Stag Mountain	29	41N	58E	7800		20K16	Tahoe City (Cal.)	6	15N	17E	6250
<b>OWYHEE RIVER</b>												
15H4MP	Big Bend	30	45N	56E	6700		19L1	Upper Truckee (Cal.)	21	12N	18E	6400
16H6a	Columbia Basin	31	44N	53E	6650		20K17M	Ward Creek (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	7000
16H8a	Fawn Creek	2	45N	52E	7000		20K25STZ	Ward Creek #2 (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	6750
15H5	Gold Creek	32	45N	56E	6600		20K27	Tahoe City Cross (Cal.)	1	15N	16E	6750
16H1M	Jack Creek, Lower	18	42N	53E	6800							
16H24	Jack Creek, Upper	9	42N	53E	7250							
16H4	Jacks Peak	28	42N	53E	8420							
16H5	Laurel Draw	20	45N	53E	6700							
17G4a	Louise Canyon (Oreg.)	27	40S	44E	6440							
15H9MP	Taylor Canyon	35	39N	53E	6200							
<b>INTERIOR</b>												
<b>UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER</b>												
15J17a	American Beauty	32	31N	58E	7800		20K14	Boca #2 (Cal.)	28	18N	17E	5900
15J12A	Corral Canyon	27	28N	57E	8500		20K22	Brockway Summit (Cal.)	3	17N	16E	7100
15J1MP	Dorsey Basin	28	35N	60E	8100		20K21	Donner Park #2 (Cal.)	18	17N	16E	6000
15J3	Dry Creek	5	34N	60E	6500		20K10	Donner Summit (Cal.)	25	17N	14E	6900
15H7	Fry Canyon	31	43N	54E	6700		20K7*	Fordyce Lake (Cal.)	34	18N	13E	6500
15J3MP	Green Mountain	23	29N	57E	8000		20K8*	Furnace Flat (Cal.)	10	17N	13E	6700
15J10	Harrison Pass #1	9	28N	57E	6600		19L24S	Heavenly Valley (Cal.)	1	12N	18E	8850
15J11	Harrison Pass #2	16	28N	57E	7400		20K4MSPTZ	Independence Camp (Cal.)	34	19N	15E	7000
15J4	Lamoille #1	15	32N	58E	7100		20K3	Independence Creek (Cal.)	14	19N	15E	6500
15J5	Lamoille #2	14	32N	58E	7200		20K5	Independence Lake (Cal.)	9	18N	15E	8450
15J6M	Lamoille #3	24	32N	58E	7700		19K3	Little Valley	17	16N	19E	6300
15J7	Lamoille #4	19	32N	59E	8000		19K2	Mt. Rose	7	17N	19E	9000
15J8P	Lamoille #5	31	32N	59E	8700		19K7	Mt. Rose Ski Area	30	17N	19E	9000
15J18a	Pole Canyon	31	35N	61E	9140		20K6	Sage Hen Creek (Cal.)	7	18N	16E	6500
15J16a	Robinson Lake	23	33N	59E	9200		20K19	Squaw Valley #2 (Cal.)	6	15N	16E	7500
15H6MP	Roded Flat	36	43N	53E	6800		20K13M	Truckee #2 (Cal.)	22	17N	16E	6400
15J2	Ryan Ranch	1	34N	59E	5800		20K2*	Webber Lake (Cal.)	29	19N	14E	7000
15H8	Tremewan Ranch	9	39N	55E	5700		20K1*	Webber Peak (Cal.)	30	19N	14E	8000
15H10P	Trout Creek, Lower	28	37N	61E	6900							
15H11A	Trout Creek, Upper	4	36N	61E	8500							
<b>LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER</b>												
17K1	Big Creek Camp Ground	10	17N	43E	6600							
17K2	Big Creek Mine	23	17N	43E	7600							
17K3	Big Creek, Upper	26	17N	43E	7800							
17H2	Buckskin, Lower	25	45N	39E	6700							
17H1	Buckskin, Upper	11	45N	39E	8200							
17L1	Corral, Lower	12	11N	40E	7500							
17L2	Corral, Upper	20	11N	41E	8000							
17J2	Golconda #2	22	35N	39E	6000							
17H4	Granite Peak	22	44N	39E	7800							
17H5	Lamance Creek	13	42N	38E	6000							
17H3	Martin Creek	18	44N	40E	6700							
16H3AP	Midas	18	39N	46E	7200							
16H7	Toe Jam a	29	40N	50E	7700							
<b>EASTERN NEVADA</b>												
14L1	Baker #1	29	13N	69E	7950							
14L2	Baker #2	30	13N	69E	8950							
14L3	Baker #3	25	13N	68E	9250							
14K2	Berry Creek	26	17N	65E	9100							
14K1	Bird Creek	34	19N	65E	7500							
15J15	Hole-In-Mountain	6	35N	61E	7900							
14K8	Kalamazoo Creek	34	20N	65E	7400							
14K3	Murray Summit	25	16N	62E	7250							
15K1	Robinson Summit	34	18N	61E	7600							
14K7	Silver Creek #2	30	16N	69E	8000							
14K5	Ward Mountain #2	25	15N	62E	8900							
<b>CENTRAL GREAT BASIN</b>												
18M2	Campito Mountain (Cal.)	19	55	35E	10200							
18M5a	Chiavochi Flat	32	25	34E	10500							
15N2	Clark Canyon	8	19S	56E	9000							
18M1	Montgomery Pass	4	1N	33E	7100							
18M3a	Pinchot Creek	28	1N	33E	9300							
18M4a	Piute Pass (Cal.)	33	45	33E	11700							
15N1	Trough Springs	23	18S	55E	8500							
<b>NORTHERN GREAT BASIN</b>												
19H1	Bald Mountain	17	45N	21E	6720							
20H5	Barber Creek (Cal.)	23	39N	16E	6500							
20H6	Cedar Pass (Cal.)	12	43N	14E	7100							
18G6a	Oeno Creek (Oreg.)	14	41S	34E	6000							
18H1	Disaster Peak	8	47N	34E	6500							
20H3a	Oismal Swamp (Cal.)	31	48N	17E	7000							
20H7	Eagle Peak (Cal.)	35	40N	15E	7200							
19H3	49-Mountain	7	42N	19E	6000							
19H2	Hays Canyon	1	39N	18E	6400							
19H4a	Little Bally Mountain	8	45N	19E	6000							
20H9	Mt. Bidwell	6	47N	16E	7200							
20H10	North Star	13	47N	15E	6200							
17G5a	Oregon Canyon (Oreg.)	9	40S	40E	7240							
17H6a	Quinn Ridge	9	47N	41E	6300							
20H4	Reservoir Creek (Cal.)	12	46N	15E	5900							
18G5a	Trout Creek (Oreg.)	10	41S	38E	7800							
<b>LAKE TAHOE</b>												
<b>TRUCKEE RIVER</b>												
<b>CARSON RIVER</b>												
19L5	Blue Lakes (Cal.)						19L5	Blue Lakes (Cal.)	30	9N	19E	8000
19L4	Carson Pass, Upper (Cal.)						19L4	Carson Pass, Upper (Cal.)	22	10N	18E	8600
19K5	Clear Creek						19K5	Clear Creek	6	14N	19E	7300
19L19a	Ebbetts Pass (Cal.)						19L19a	Ebbetts Pass (Cal.)	17	8N	20E	8700
19L16a	Fish Valley, Upper (Cal.)						19L16a	Fish Valley, Upper (Cal.)	1	7N	22E	8050
19L06a	Poison Flat (Cal.)						19L06a	Poison Flat (Cal.)	25	8N	21E	7900
19L18A5	Wet Meadows Lake (Cal.)						19L18A5	Wet Meadows Lake (Cal.)	26	9N	19E	8100
19L20a	Wolf Creek (Cal.)						19L20a	Wolf Creek (Cal.)	35	8N	20E	8000
<b>WALKER RIVER</b>												
19L11	Buckeye Forks (Cal.)						19L11	Buckeye Forks (Cal.)	20	4N	23E	8500
19L10	Buckeye Roughs (Cal.)						19L10	Buckeye Roughs (Cal.)	15	4N	23E	7900
19L12a	Center Mountain (Cal.)						19L12a	Center Mountain (Cal.)	4	3N	23E	9400
19L8	Leavitt Meadows (Cal.)						19L8	Leavitt Meadows (Cal.)	4	5N	22E	7200
19L17a	Lobdell Lake (Cal.)						19L17a	Lobdell Lake (Cal.)	20	7N	24E	9200
19L7M	Sonora Pass (Cal.)						19L7M	Sonora Pass (Cal.)	1	5N	21E	8800
19M1*	Tioga Pass (Cal.)						19M1*	Tioga Pass (Cal.)	30	1N	25E	9900
19L13	Virginia Lakes (Cal.)						19L13	Virginia Lakes (Cal.)	5	2N	25E	9500
19L22MSZ	Virginia Lakes Ridge						19L22MSZ	Virginia Lakes Ridge	32	3N	25E	9200
19L9	Willow Flat (Cal.)						19L9	Willow Flat (Cal.)	21	5N	23E	8250
<b>COLORADO</b>												
<b>LOWER COLORADO RIVER</b>												

# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: February 1, 1974

Forecasts are based on snow-water presently stored in the mountain watersheds and the assumption that precipitation will be near average throughout the forecast period. Peak flow forecasts indicate the most probable range for the maximum average 24-hour flow. All averages are for 1958-72 period.

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average +
Owyhee River near Gold Creek, NV <sup>1/</sup>	April-July	23	127	18
Owyhee River near Owyhee, NV <sup>1/</sup>	April-July	79	116	68
Humboldt River at Palisade, NV	April-July	244	126	193
West Walker below Little Walker River near Coleville, CA	April-July	180	124	145
Virgin River at Virgin, UT	April-June	53	110	38

1/ Corrected for storage

**PEAK FLOWS** (MAXIMUM MEAN DAILY) (Av. flow for 24 hrs. on day of greatest flow)

FORECAST POINT	PEAK FLOW (SECOND FEET)	
	Forecast Range	Average +

Peak flow forecasts not issued until  
March 1, 1974

**FORECAST DATE of LOW FLOW VALUES**

FORECAST POINT	Low Flow Value Second/Ft.	Forecast Date Stream Will Recede to Low Flow Value	Average Date of Low Flow Value
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Low flow forecast not issued until  
March 1, 1974

**SOIL MOISTURE MEASUREMENTS**

STATION	Profile (Inches)		Soil Moisture (Inches)		
	Depth	Capacity	Date	This Year	Average +

OWYHEE-HUMBOLDT BASIN

Big Bend	48	16.7	1/30	14.4	14.6*
Rodeo Flat	42	11.0	1/30	7.7	8.9*
Taylor Canyon	48	15.1	1/30	10.9	11.9*

TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN

Independence Camp	34	6.1	1/30	2.6	4.0*
Marlette Lake	50	3.7	est.	3.5	2.7*

WALKER BASIN

Sonora Pass	48	8.3	1/29	6.2	7.3*
Virginia Lakes Ridge	40	5.0	1/29	2.9	2.0*

\* Adjusted average

+ 1958-1972 period.

# RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) as of February 1, 1974

Basin or Stream	RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
			This Year	Last Year	Average +
Owyhee	Wild Horse	72	52	57	17
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	157	113	146	86
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,625	1,607	1,669
Colorado	Mead	27,217	20,160	19,200	17,321
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	618	516	426
Truckee	Boca	41	32	30	10
Truckee	Stampede	220	189	126	**
Truckee	Prosser ***	30	7	9	8 *
Carson	Lahontan	291	246	227	182
West Walker	Topaz	59	49	27	34
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	37	22	28

\* 10-year average

\*\* Storage began August 1, 1969

\*\*\* Flood control use allocation of 20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 10

## TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet)

MONTH	This Year	Last Year	Average +
October 1	820	867	718
January 1	1,015	917	714
February 1	1,147	1,025	782
March 1		1,093	843
April 1		1,153	912
May 1		1,194	937

+ 1958-1972 period.

The above data developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1,000 Acre-Feet.

TOTAL USABLE CAPACITY 1394

# SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
NAME	Elevation	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Last Year	Average +
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>						
Bear Creek		1/30	51	15.0a	15.2a	13.1
Goat Creek		1/29	49	13.5	13.8a	10.0
Hummingbird Springs		1/30	59	15.9a	16.1a	14.9
Merritt Mountain		1/29	19	4.4a	4.5a	3.9*
Pole Creek Ranger Station		1/29	52	15.0	14.4	12.3
Red Point		1/30	13	3.7a	4.5a	5.9*
76 Creek		1/29	31	9.0a	10.1a	7.6
Stag Mountain		1/29	24	6.0a	6.2a	3.2*
<u>OWYHEE RIVER</u>						
Big Bend		1/30	34	7.9	6.6	5.7
Columbia Basin		1/29	36	10.4a	10.3a	6.8*
Fawn Creek		1/29	37	10.7	7.3a	10.4*
Gold Creek		1/30	24	5.5	3.8	3.8
Jack Creek, Upper		1/29	19	5.7a	6.2a	4.7
Laurel Draw		1/30	27	7.9	6.1	5.2
Taylor Canyon		1/30	19	5.7	5.5	3.6
<u>UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>						
American Beauty		1/29	32	9.0a	11.8a	5.6*
Corral Canyon		1/29	32	9.3a	11.0a	6.2*
Fry Canyon		1/30	23	7.2	5.8	4.9
Lamoille #1		1/29	29	6.5	7.4	5.8
Lamoille #2		1/29	24	7.1	7.4	5.7
Lamoille #3		1/29	37	10.8	8.8	7.6
Lamoille #4		1/29	50	15.0	12.9	11.3*
Lamoille #5		1/29	74	25.7	17.1	16.5*
Pole Canyon		No survey			9.3a	4.8*
Robinson Lake		1/29	96	32.6a	22.8a	15.7*
Rodeo Flat		1/30	18	5.2	4.9	3.9
Tremewan Ranch		1/30	6	1.9	1.4	1.2
Trout Creek, Upper		No survey			28.8a	10.2
Tent Mountain, Upper		1/29	56	17.4a	16.8a	11.9*
<u>LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>						
Granite Peak		1/28	29	8.9	12.1	10.2
Martin Creek		1/28	27	7.4	7.3	7.0
Midas		1/29	10	2.5a	1.9a	2.4*
Toe Jam		1/29	27	8.1a	8.9a	6.4*
<u>EASTERN NEVADA</u>						
Baker #3		1/29	31	9.3a	16.0a	8.3*
Mt. Defiance		1/29	55	16.5a	13.4a	-
Silver Creek #2		1/29	19	5.5a	10.1a	4.5*
Ward Mountain		1/29	23	6.9a	6.2a	4.7*

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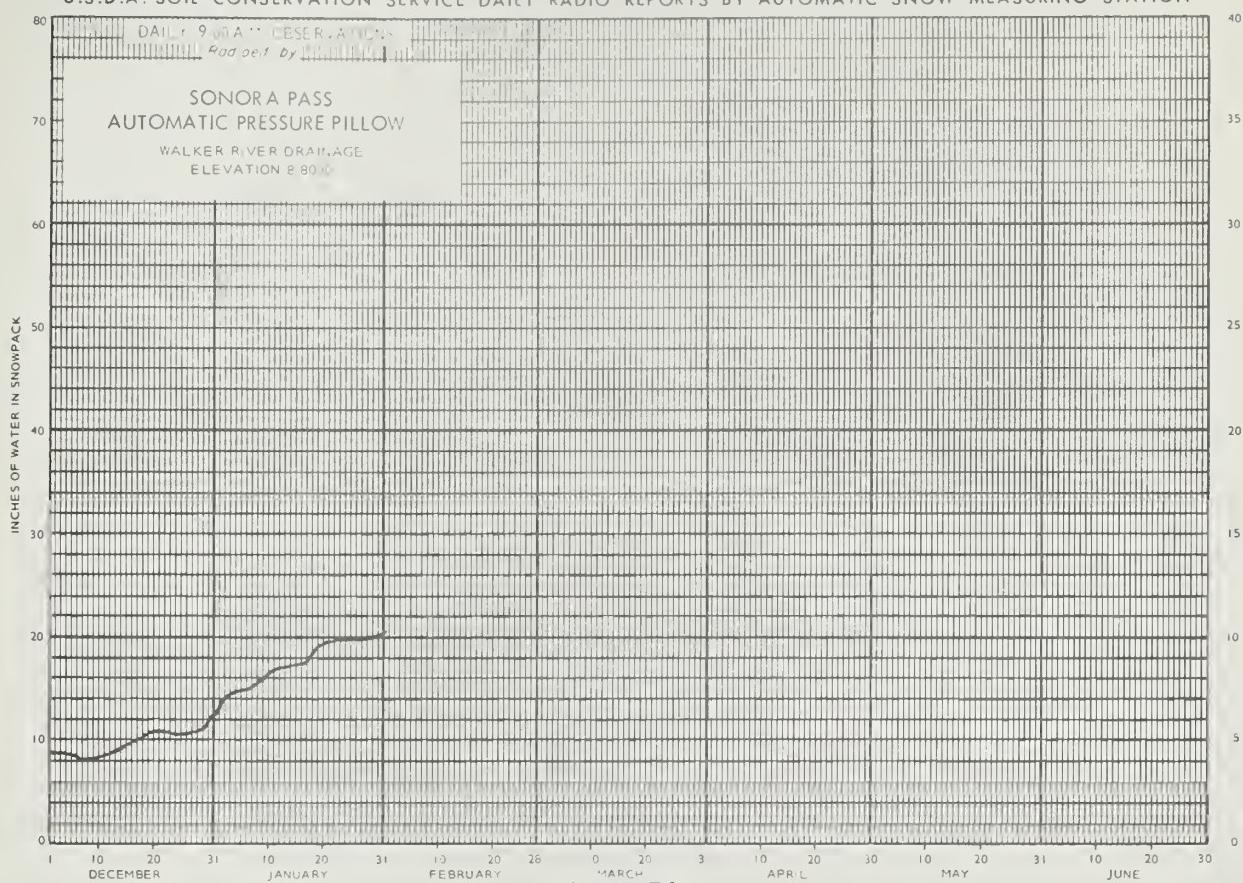
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		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Last Year	Average +
<u>LAKE TAHOE-TRUCKEE RIVER</u>						
Boca #2	1/27	5	2.0	6.6	5.2	
Brockway Summit	1/31	32	10.9	16.2	15.0*	
Castel Creek	1/23	91	36.5	38.4	33.1	
Donner Park #2	1/27	20	7.4	13.7	12.1*	
Donner Summit	1/21	68	28.0	28.6	25.3*	
Echo Summit	1/28	60	24.1	25.6	23.8	
Fordyce Lake	1/22	60	28.3	31.0	21.2*	
Freel Bench	1/28	22	10.1	9.5	9.3*	
Furnace Flat	1/22	71	33.8	34.6	26.2*	
Glenbrook #2	1/26	22	7.3	7.9	8.0	
Hagans Meadow	1/28	37	13.3	15.3	12.9	
Heavenly Valley	1/29	53	20.4	21.6	-	
Independence Camp	1/29	41	15.6	20.0	17.1	
Independence Creek	1/29	21	8.7	12.8	-	
Independence Lake	1/29	81	32.6	-	-	
Marlette Lake	1/29	43	16.0	17.7	13.6	
Mt. Rose Ski Area	1/26	87	34.6	30.7	-	
Richardsons #2	1/26	32	11.5	13.0	11.4	
Sage Hen Creek	1/29	26	10.7	15.2	12.6	
Squaw Valley	1/29	82	34.4	41.0	33.8	
Tahoe City	1/31	14	5.7	10.6	8.2*	
Tahoe City Alternate	2/1	18	6.5	10.8	-	
Tahoe City Cross	2/1	34	12.7	15.4	-	
Truckee #2	1/31	27	9.1	11.4	10.8	
Truckee, Upper	1/28	18	7.2	7.1	7.8	
Ward Creek #2	1/29	71	29.5	27.4	26.8	
Ward Creek #3	1/29	65	26.6	24.1	-	
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>						
Carson Pass, Upper	1/22	65	25.8	25.4	22.1	
Ebbetts Pass	1/28	75	30.0a	27.7a	22.5	
Fish Lake Valley, Upper	1/28	27	10.3a	18.6a	10.4*	
Poison Flat	1/28	35	13.3	19.2a	10.4*	
Wet Meadows Lake	1/28	50	19.5a	21.4a	18.7*	
Wolf Creek	1/28	52	20.3a	19.8a	23.1*	
Wet Meadows #2	1/28	63	24.7	-	-	
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>						
Center Mountain	1/28	87	34.8a	32.0a	22.0*	
Lobdell Lake	1/30	38	14.4a	20.5a	12.3*	
Sonora Pass	1/28	52	20.5	19.1a	15.8	
Tioga Pass	1/29	66	26.8	15.0	16.3	
Virginia Lakes	1/28	34	10.4	12.4	10.6	
Virginia Lakes Ridge	1/28	40	12.4	12.3	-	
Willow Flat	1/28	21	7.4	9.7	-	

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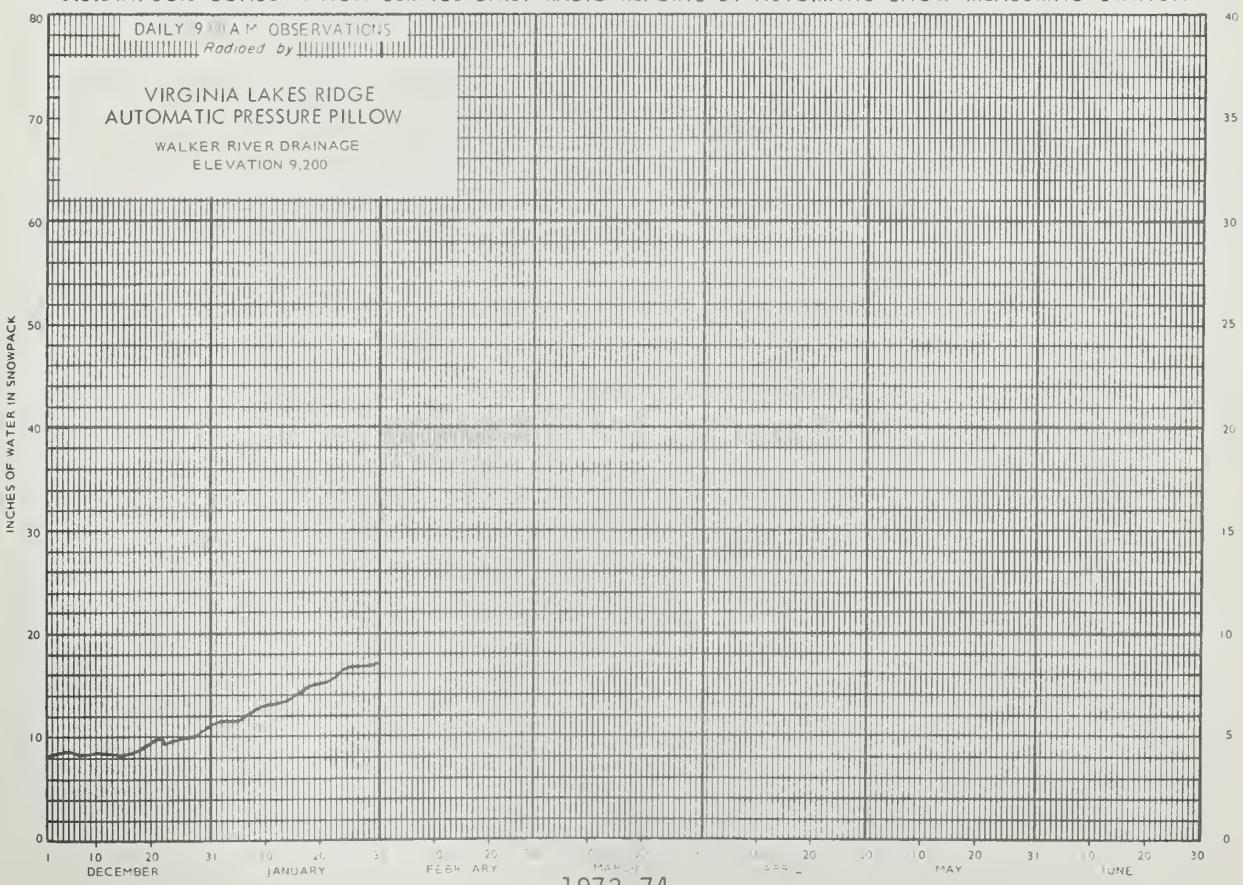
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<u>CENTRAL GREAT BASIN</u>					
Campito Mountain	1/28	12	1.9	-	3.4*
Chiatovich Flat	1/30	8	2.8a	1.8a	1.8*
Montgomery Pass	1/31	7	2.1	0.7	1.0
Pinchot Creek	1/30	8	2.8a	1.0a	0.2*
Piute Pass	1/30	6	2.1a	2.2a	2.1*
<u>NORTHERN GREAT BASIN</u>					
Barber Creek	1/30	26	9.2	9.4	7.9
Cedar Pass	1/29	36	13.0	9.8	10.6*
Denio Creek	Delayed			0.6a	0.6*
Dismal Swamp	1/25	36	12.6a	12.6a	10.1
49 Mountain	1/29	1	0.1	2.1	3.1
Hays Canyon	1/29	5	1.1	2.2	2.8
Little Bally Mountain	1/25	8	2.6a	3.1a	2.0*
Louse Canyon	Delayed			-	2.2*
Oregon Canyon	Delayed			7.0a	3.5*
Quinn Ridge	Delayed			2.7a	1.4*
Reservation Creek	1/29	21	7.0	6.5	8.0
Trout Creek	Delayed			7.0a	3.9*
<u>LOWER COLORADO RIVER</u>					
Mathew Canyon	2/1	9	3.3	4.4	1.7
Pine Canyon	2/1	12	4.0	4.9	2.2*
NOTE: All averages based on 1958-72, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a=aerial marker; water content estimated. * 1958-72 adjusted average.					

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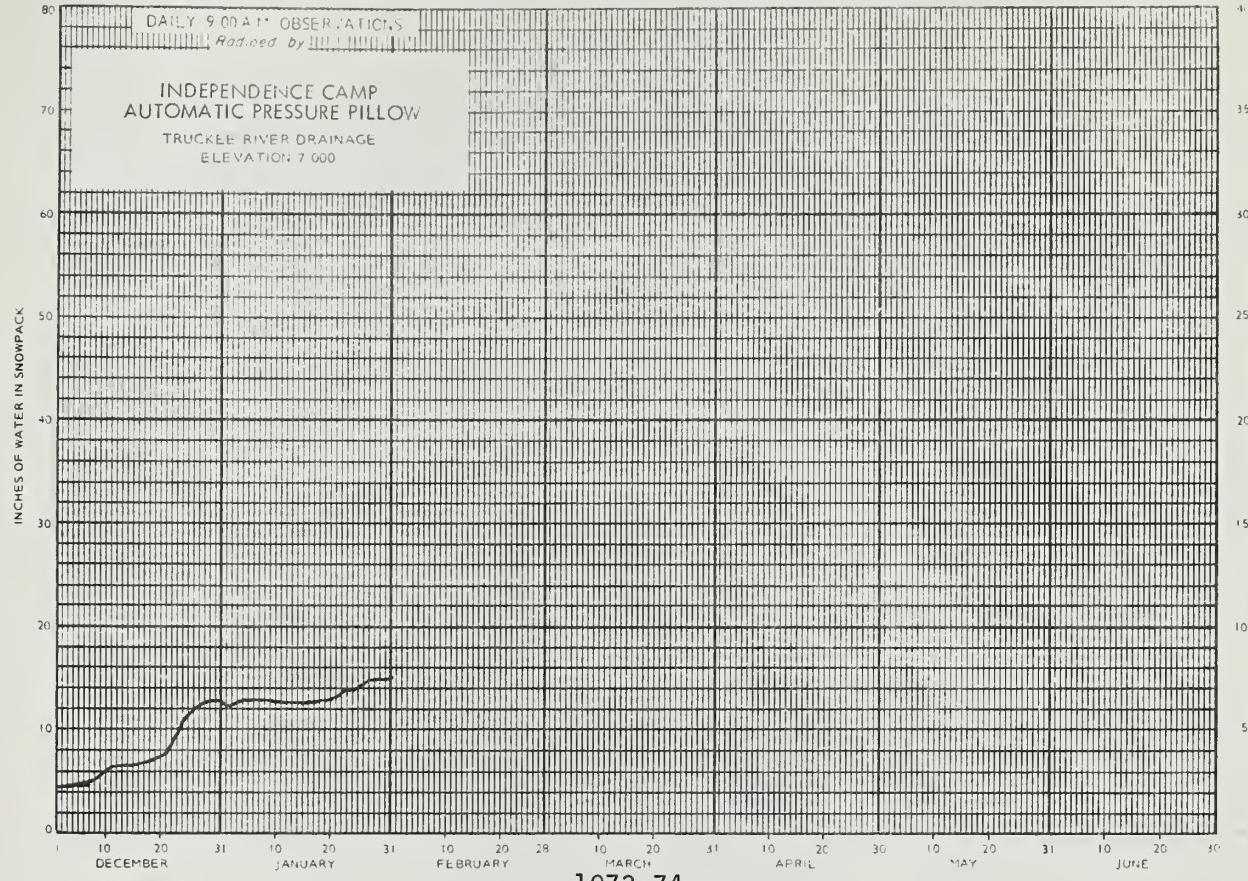
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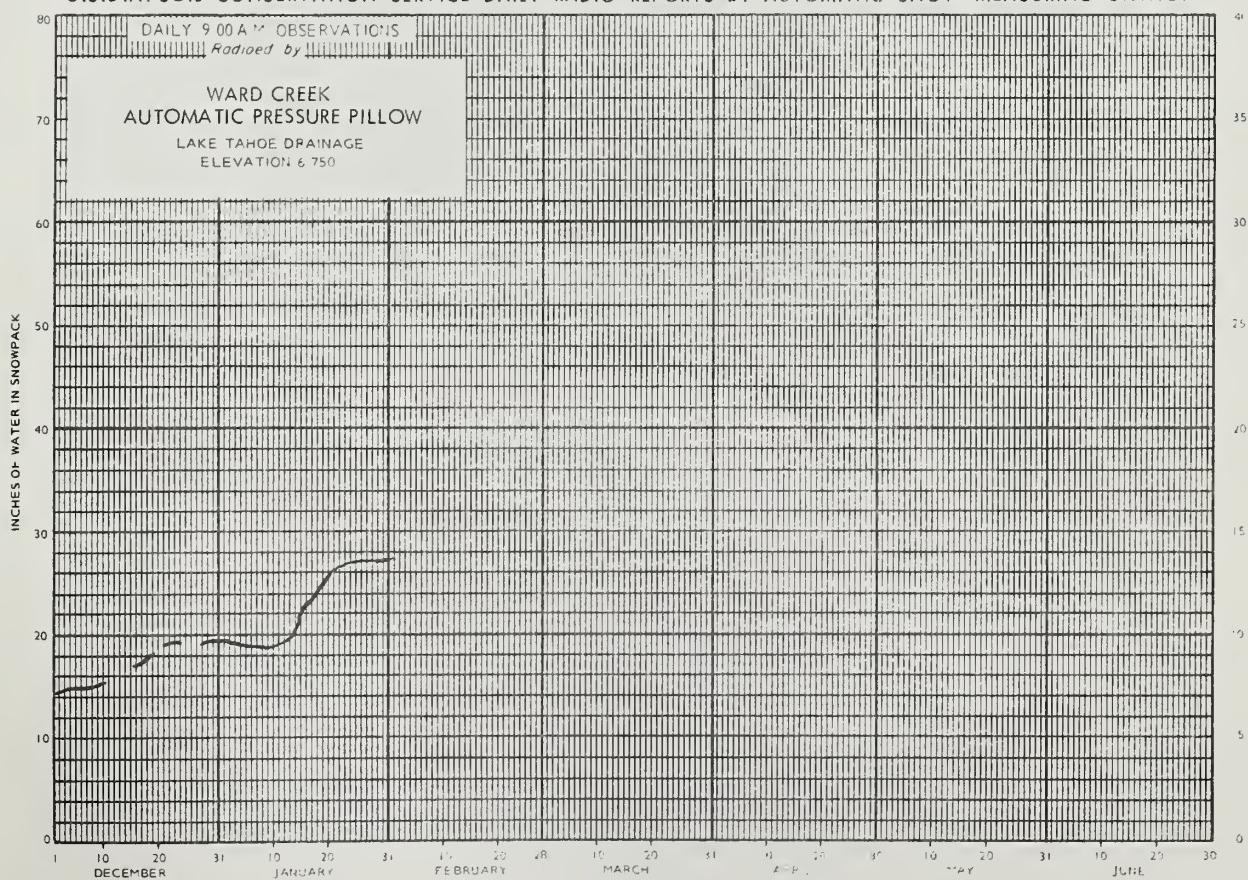


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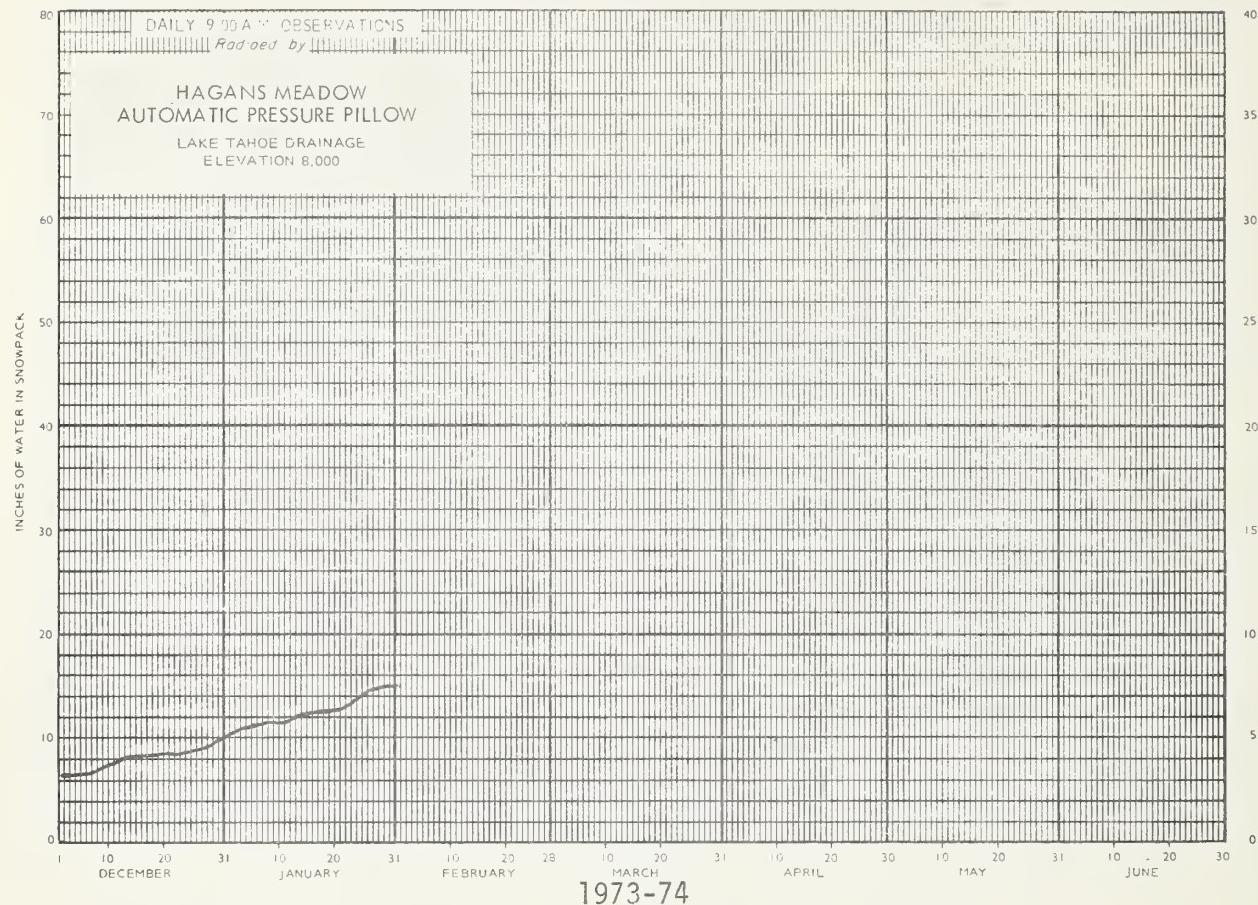
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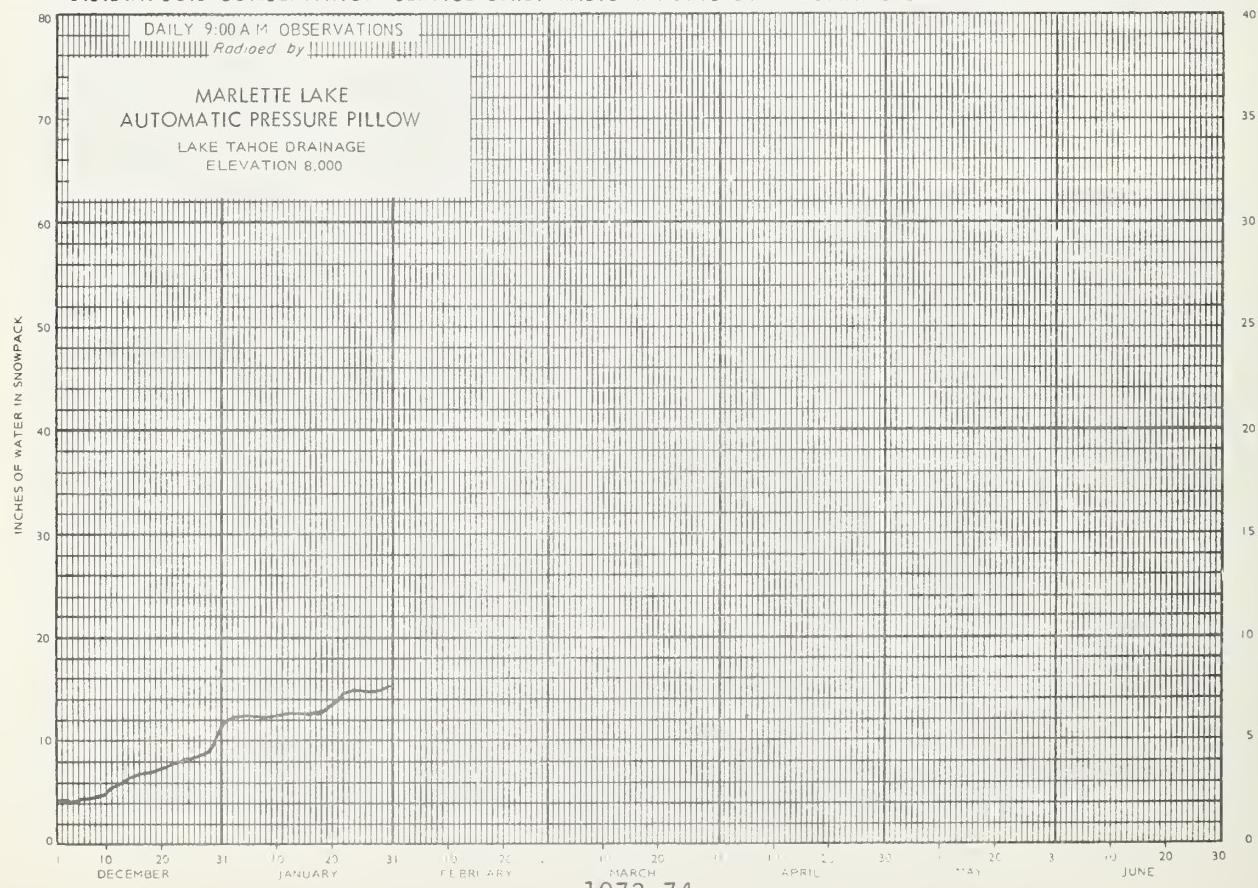


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